Chatelaine-lánc

Metalwork Collection

Accession Nr.:	59.928.1
Date of production:	mid 18th century
Place of production:	Austria (presumably)
Materials:	gilt bronze
Techniques:	cast; engraved decoration; repoussé/punched
Dimensions:	length: 13 cm width: 4,5 cm

The triangle-shaped upper part has a hook its centre shows a medallion with a basket of flowers, a gardeners' hat and a digger. Two chains hang from each side of the upper part, with snap-hooks at their ends. Flat units of square, circle and oval shape hang down from the middle, linked together with chains. They are decorated with baskets of flowers, fruits and a dog. This kind of chain, connected to a belt, was designed for carrying scissors, keys or other tiny objects around. For example, in the 18th century, men used to wear their watches hanging from a chatelaine chain.

Literature

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